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SUBJECT: IMCO COUNCIL MEETING

REF: A. LONDON 5492, B. STATE 90574, C. LONDON 5607,

D. LONDON 5734

1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM IMCO SYG GOAD THAT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN EDWARDS CONCURS WITH INSCRIPTION ON COUNCIL AGENDA, UNDER ITEM 24, OF UK COMMUNICATION ON POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF IMCO CONVENTION AS DESCRIBED PARA C(A) OF REF C.

2. BEGIN FYI. BOTH EDWARDS AND DEPARTMENT RELUCTANT TO SEE THIS AGENDA ITEM RAISED IN WAY WHICH APPEARS TO MAKE IT INEVITABLE THAT IT WILL BE REFERRED TO ASSEMBLY. WE HAD EARLIER INTERPRETED PARA C.(A)2. OF REF C AS MEANING THAT COUNCIL WOULD TAKE DECISION ON HOW TO DISPOSE OF SUBJECT, I. E. WHETHER OR NOT TO REFER MATTER TO ASSEMBLY OR TO OTHER BODY. HOWEVER, PARA. 3 OF REF D SEEMS CLEARLY TO INDICATE THAT IMCO RULES GIVE RIGHT TO MEMBER TO PROPOSE AGENDA

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ITEMS FOR ASSEMBLY AND THAT GOAD WAS INVOKING THIS PROCEDURE WHEN HE CIRCULATED IMCO DOCUMENT A1/ E/1.08(NV.4). (UPON RECEIPT OF LATTER DOCUMENT EDWARDS, AND DEPARTMENT AS WELL, HAD FELT THAT SECOND PARAGRAPH OF COVERING LETTER OF DOCUMENT UNFAIRLY PREJUDGED ISSUE BY IMPLYING THAT MATTER WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY ASSEMBLY). END FYI.

3. EDWARDS' AND DEPARTMENT' S HESITATION AND CONCERN ABOUT UK INITIATIVE FOR IMCO ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION OF REVISION OF IMCO CONVENTION IN REGARD TO AMENDMENT PROCEDURES BASED ON A) DOUBTS ABOUT UK MOTIVATION, AND B) OUR ESTIMATE THAT INITIATIVE COULD WELL OPEN DOOR TO RESULT (I. E., UNWIELDY REVISION COMMISSION SYSTEM OF AMENDING IMCO AGREEMENTS AS PRESSED BY FRENCH) WHICH BOTH US AND UK WISH TO AVOID. WE BELIEVE THAT ARTICLE 43(B) OF IMCO CONVENTION HAS ALREADY RECEIVED SUFFICIENT PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO ACCOMMODATE PROBLEM OF NON- MEMBER STATES DESCRIBED IN DOC. A1/ E/1.08(NV.4).

4. IN LIGHT HOWEVER OF FAIT ACCOMPLI WE NOW VIEW OUR BEST RECOURSE TO BE ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY MENSAH PARA. 3 REF D. EMBASSY MAY THEREFORE INFORMALLY CONVEY TO UK OUR CONTINUING CONCERN OVER THEIR APPROACH AND SUGGESTION THAT WE DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER BILATERALLY AT OPENING OF IMCO COUNCIL MEETING. RUSH

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